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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 7 July 1959

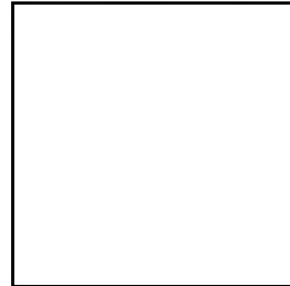
Personnel Present: Colonel Burke
Mr. Parangosky



Col. Geary

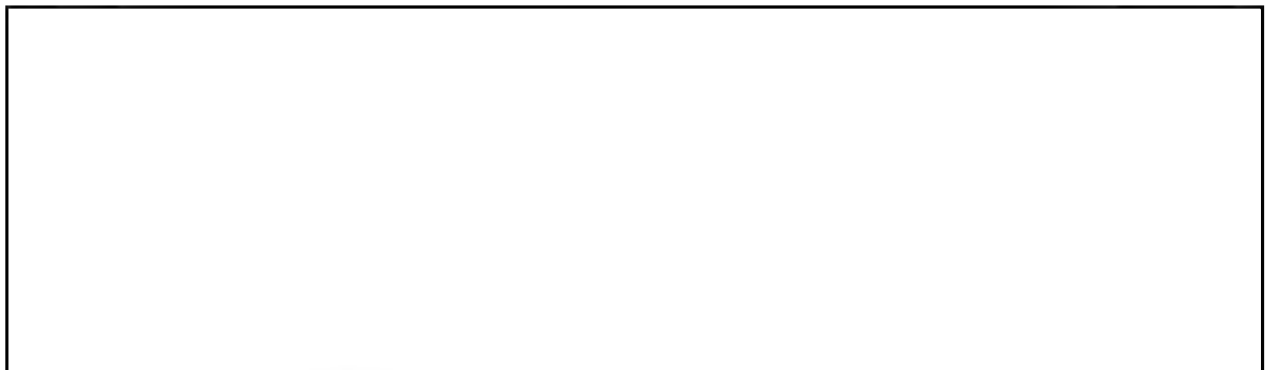


Mr. Kiefer
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3. TEST STATUS BOARD - Tests on the J-75 engine are continuing in aircraft 342 and 358. They are expected to be completed between 1 and 11 August.

Col. Burke requested the Development Branch to check on the progress of the Dual-Oxygen System.



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5. CORONA - ARGON PROGRESS REPORT - It was reported that the last shot failed due to weight considerations. Studies are now being made to correct this. It is expected that a new, lighter fuel, now under development, will reduce the weight. Shot number 6 is scheduled for 15 July and number 7 for the first week in August. Both are payload shots. Lockheed has proposed a destructo mechanism which will weigh 30 pounds. General Electric has a limited destructo, weighing 9 pounds. The consensus appears to be that in view of the weight problem already existing, we should live with the small risk (.0016 of payload falling in denied territory).

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NRO review(s) completed.

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6. GUSTO PROGRESS REPORT - A final decision is expected to be rendered 15 July. Mr. Bissell met on 8 July with Air Force personnel and an agreed position was to be decided at that meeting. It was reported that Kelly Johnson has agreed to revise his design to reduce radar return. Convair now has configuration on the test at Indian Springs. Marquardt has completed the first engine for tests. Mr. Bissell is expected to report to the President the middle of this month.

7. OTHER ITEMS - Col. Burke advised that on a few occasions official correspondence has been written obligating funds for which money had not been programmed. This has happened outside of DPD (obligating DPD funds) as well as within the Division. He advises that for FY '60 expenditures must be programmed and approved, using program approval forms. Any Branch having knowledge of possible expenditures of this type should bring them to the attention of the comptroller before any commitments are considered.

DPD plans to submit its FY '60 Budget to Mr. Bissell next week. In view of this, each Branch has been asked to take a look at last year's Budget and determine if any continuing requirement has been left out of the FY '60 Budget. Each Branch should also be in a position to defend its portion of the Budget. An exercise will be held along those lines to enable the Division to formulate an agreed upon Budget defense position. The Branches will be advised the date of the meeting by Admin.

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CONCUR:

WILLIAM BURKE
Colonel, USAF
Acting Chief, DPD

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